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Dear Ms. Rock;

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management received your July 18 letter regarding a Freedom of Information request for “the state’s emergency plans for a heat wave or extreme heat.” VDEM does not have any specific emergency plans for extreme heat. Extreme heat would be covered under our all hazards approach to emergency planning and response. The only direct reference to extreme heat in our Commonwealth of Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan (available at <https://www.vaemergency.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/COV-SHMP-3-2018-Public.pdf>) is in the summary of Section 3.20 and table 3.20-1.

We also provide public information about extreme heat preparedness at <https://www.vaemergency.gov/threats/extreme-heat/>.

Should you have any additional follow up questions on this information, please replay to me via email at jeff.caldwell@vdem.virginia.gov

Sincerely,
Jeff Caldwell
Director of External Affairs and VDEM Freedom of Information Officer

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